

Maureen Brady, community builder

By Julia Prodis Sulek
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The night before Maureen Brady went into the hospital for the last time, she held the hand of a friend and told her, "We're so lucky."

Mrs. Brady had a wonderful husband and two bright and confident daughters ages 16 and 6. And she knew that when she died, her extended family and close-knit community of friends would be there for them.

"In one sentence, Maureen had encapsulated what made her so unique — her indomitable strength of character," said her friend, Gail Beard. "She was thankful for what she had, not bitter or angry for what she would not have."

Maureen Gray Brady died of cancer Friday at O'Connor Hospital in San Jose, the same place she was born. She was 50.

She had won a battle with breast cancer 2½ years ago, and when cancer appeared in her brain 18 months ago, she was determined to overcome that, too. She wanted to live long enough to raise her daughters: Theresa, a sophomore at Archbishop Mitty, and Clare, a kindergartner at St. Martin of Tours.

Mrs. Brady's brother-in-law, Brian Gregory, said of

MAUREEN GRAY BRADY

Born: Jan. 9,
1955, San
Jose

Died: Feb. 18,
2005

Survived by:
Her husband
David Brady,
daughters
Theresa and
Clare Brady; parents Antoinette
and David Gray; sister Sheila Gray Gregory,
and brothers Steven and Thomas Gray.

Services: Funeral Mass at St. Martin
of Tours Church at 7 p.m. Tuesday, 200
O'Connor Drive, San Jose.

Memorial: In lieu of flowers, donations
may be made to the American Cancer
Society, 1750 S. Bascom Ave.,
Campbell, Calif. 95008.



her daughters that even without their own mother, "Theresa and Clare will benefit from scores of mothers."

Those mothers will come from Maureen and Dave Brady's community of family and friends that in many ways defines itself by a culture of compassion for one another.

This circle of friends laid its roots in the 1950s and '60s on Pineview Drive in San Jose. The families formed such strong bonds that some became godparents to their neighbors' children.

"It's that small-town attitude that drove Maureen's behavior and that extended group we're all a part of," Brian Gregory said.

Indeed, from Pineview Drive to St. Martin's and on to Mitty, where Mrs. Brady met her husband, she made lifelong friends.

When the wife of Mike Garvey, who grew up on Pineview, became ill, Mrs. Brady rallied friends to prepare dinners. She did the same for Jan and Roger Idiart when their second-grade son was diagnosed with leukemia.

"Maureen was the first one to volunteer to help that family cook meals, clean, babysit," said her sister, Sheila Gregory.

It was no surprise, then, when this community did the same for her.

"So many people came forward, they couldn't even give everyone a job," said Karen DeMonner, principal at St. Martin's.

Mrs. Brady, who graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in public relations, worked for a number of Silicon Valley companies. Her old boss and friend, Bobby Greenberg, called her a "dynamo."

"Maureen didn't work with people, she became friends with people," Greenberg

said. "She would be the first person to say, 'What can I do to help?'"

It was that sense of community that Mrs. Brady and her husband wanted their own daughters to experience. And so, like many of the Bradys' relatives, they sent their children to St. Martin's and Mitty.

The schools, the church and the circle of friends are so closely woven that, on the day Mrs. Brady died, her daughter Clare asked to spend the day with her kindergarten teacher, Cheryl Anderson. Like so many people in Maureen Brady's life, Anderson felt like family.

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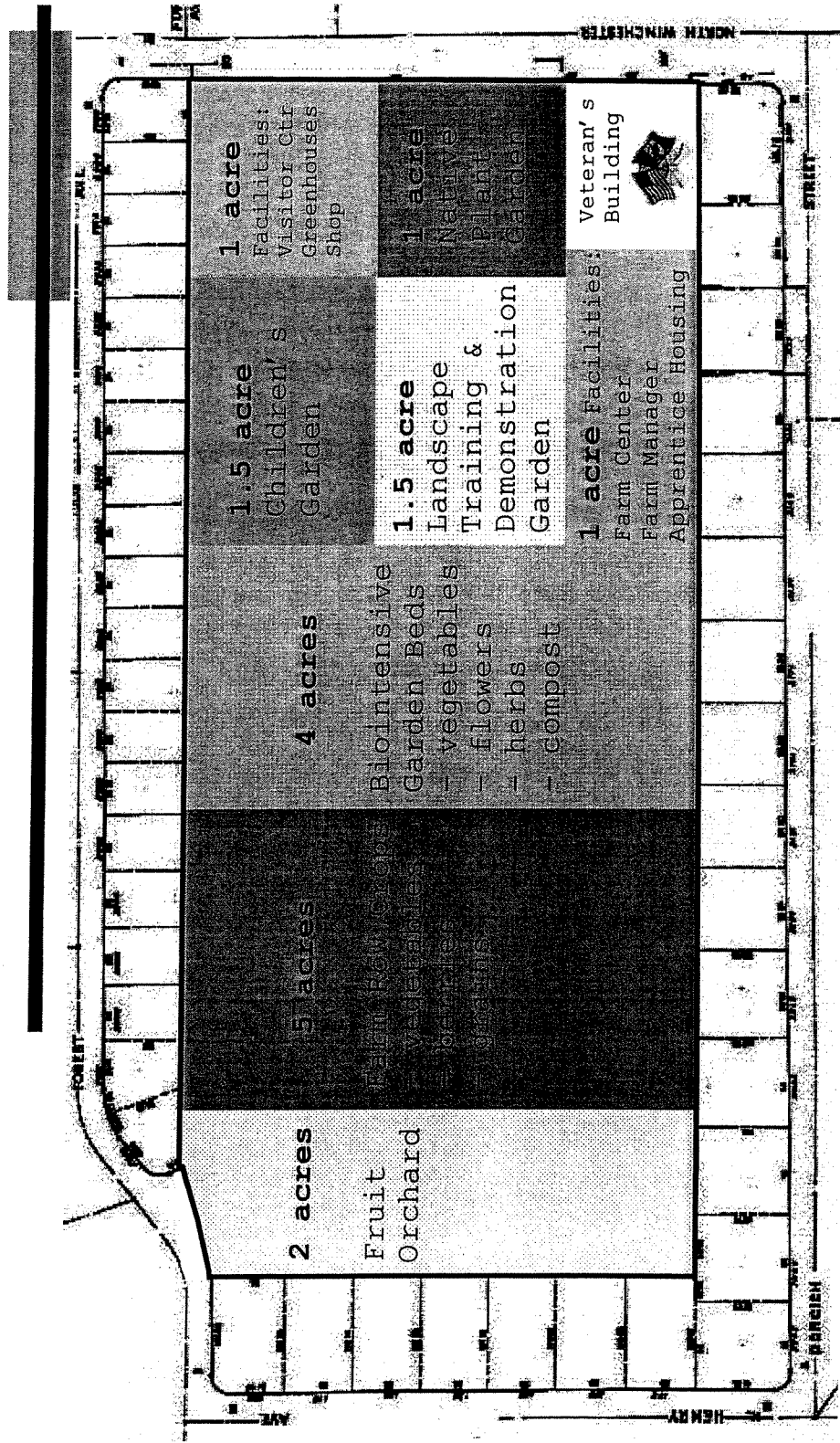
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One Possible Layout of Santa Clara County Educational Agriculture Project



How Would The 17 Acres Be Used?

(See attached diagram)

- ◆ 5 acres of organic farmed row crops (vegetables, berries)
- ◆ 2 acres of organic fruit orchard including espalier methods
- ◆ 4 acres of organic biointensive garden beds (veggies, herbs, compost area)
- ◆ 1.5 acre Children's Garden with hands-on activities
- ◆ 1.5 acre Landscape Training and Demonstration Gardens
- ◆ 1 acre Native Plant Garden (drought tolerant, wildlife attractive)
- ◆ 2 acres of facilities (offices, greenhouses, visitor center, farm center w/ kitchen, outdoor amphitheater, farm manager house)
 - Visitor center will emphasize rich history of property and valley
- ◆ Educational signage throughout
- ◆ Open to public during daylight hours and special events
- ◆ Yurt housing for apprentices

Save BAREC (Bay Area Research and Extension Center) Petition

"I support keeping BAREC in Santa Clara (formerly the UC Agricultural Research Extension Center at 90 North Winchester Blvd., Santa Clara, CA) in 100% (one hundred percent) agricultural open space and kept zoned as agriculture, keeping its historical buildings in the same location."

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American School of Herbalism, Santa Cruz
Audubon Society of Santa Clara County
Butcher's Ranch
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California History Center and Foundation
California Hundred
California Landscape Contractors Association
California Oaks Foundation
Camp Joy, a non profit family farm dedicated to education
Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems, UC Santa Cruz
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Ecological Farm Association, Watsonville
Ecological Landscape Association of California
Environmental Landscape Association, California Chapter
Environmental Health Foundation
Environmental Studies Dept., San Jose State University
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Friends Outside
Guadalupe Coyote Resource Conservation District
Hidden Villa, Los Altos
Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County
Mission College, Santa Clara, Education and Training Program
Our City Forest
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Preservation Action Council of San Jose (PACSJ)
Prusch Farm Park Foundation
Sage (Sustainable Agricultural Education)
San Jose Parks Commission
Santa Clara Valley Water District
Sierra Club/Guadalupe Group
Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition
Shasta/Hanchett/Park Neighborhood Association
Soil Food Web
South of Forest Neighborhood Assoc. in Santa Clara City
Valley of Hearts Delight, a project of the Foundation for Global Community
Veterans for Peace, Chapter 101 of Santa Clara County
Village Harvest, a Harvesting Foundation for the hungry, Santa Clara Valley
VIVA (Valley Initiative for Values in Agriculture)
Walden West, Santa Clara County's K through 12 with only county educational program for
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Bill Wallace, City of Santa Clara employee; Union representative for the City of Santa Clara
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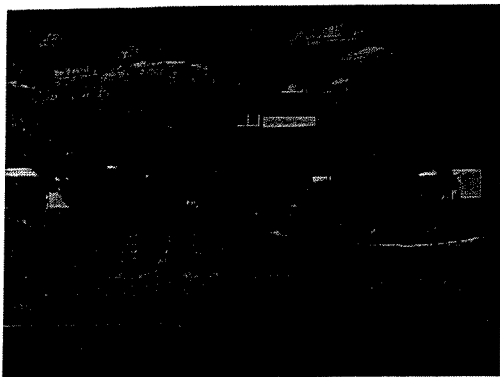
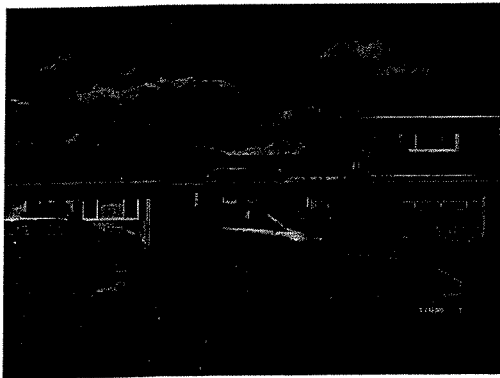
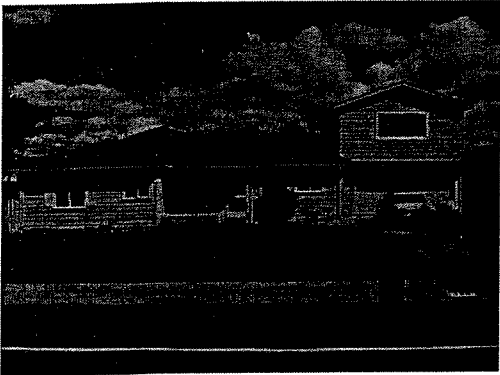
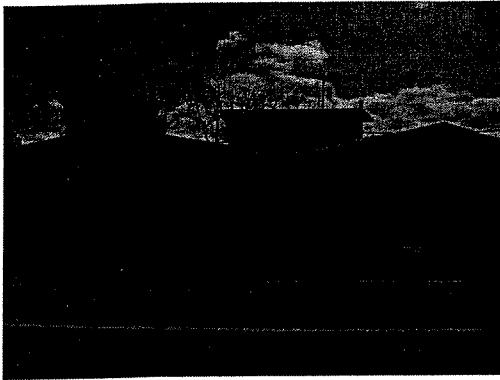
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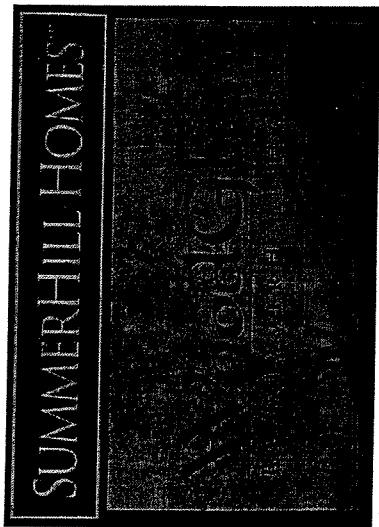
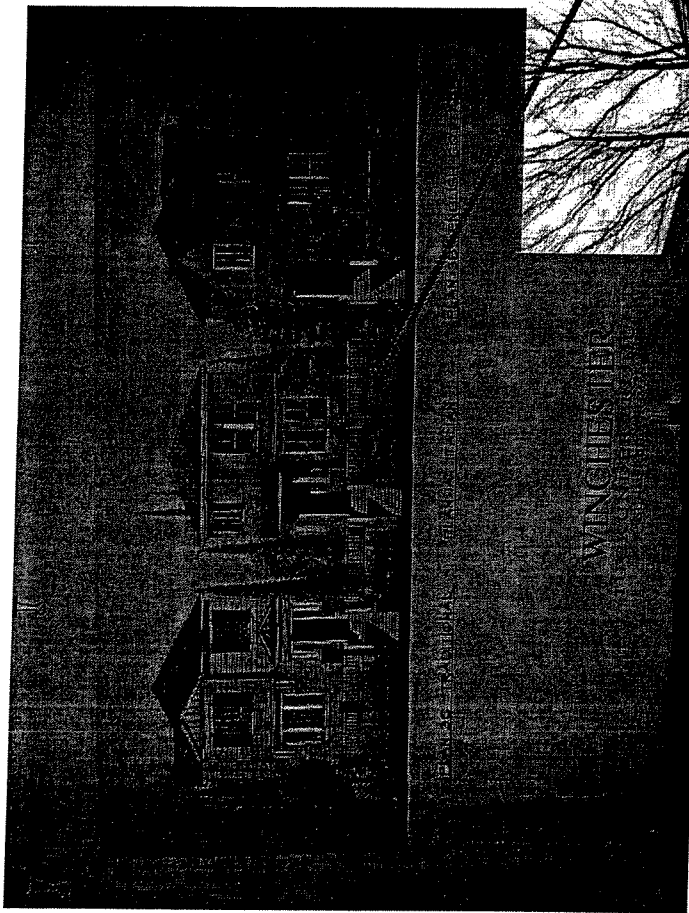
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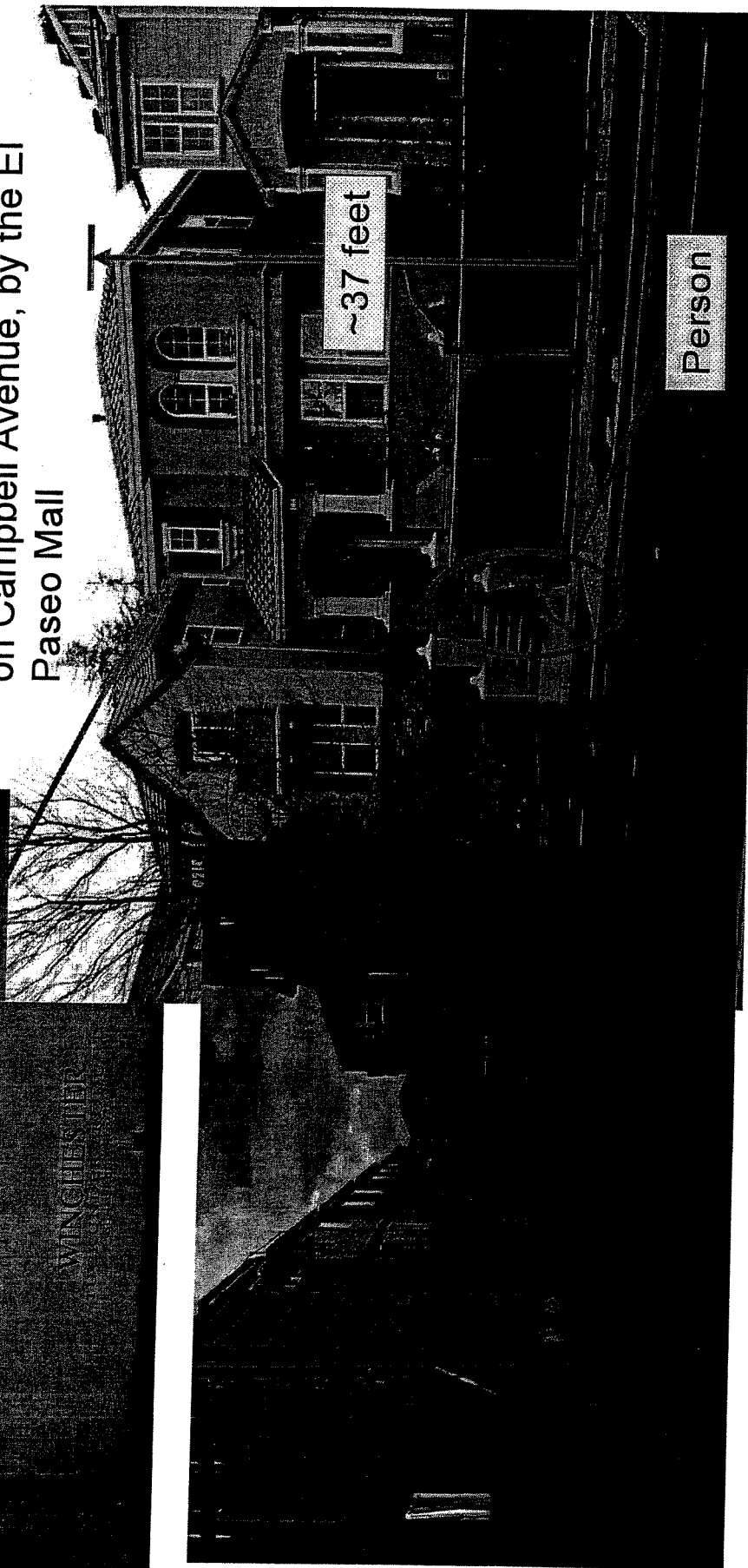
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Homes with more than one story (4 total)





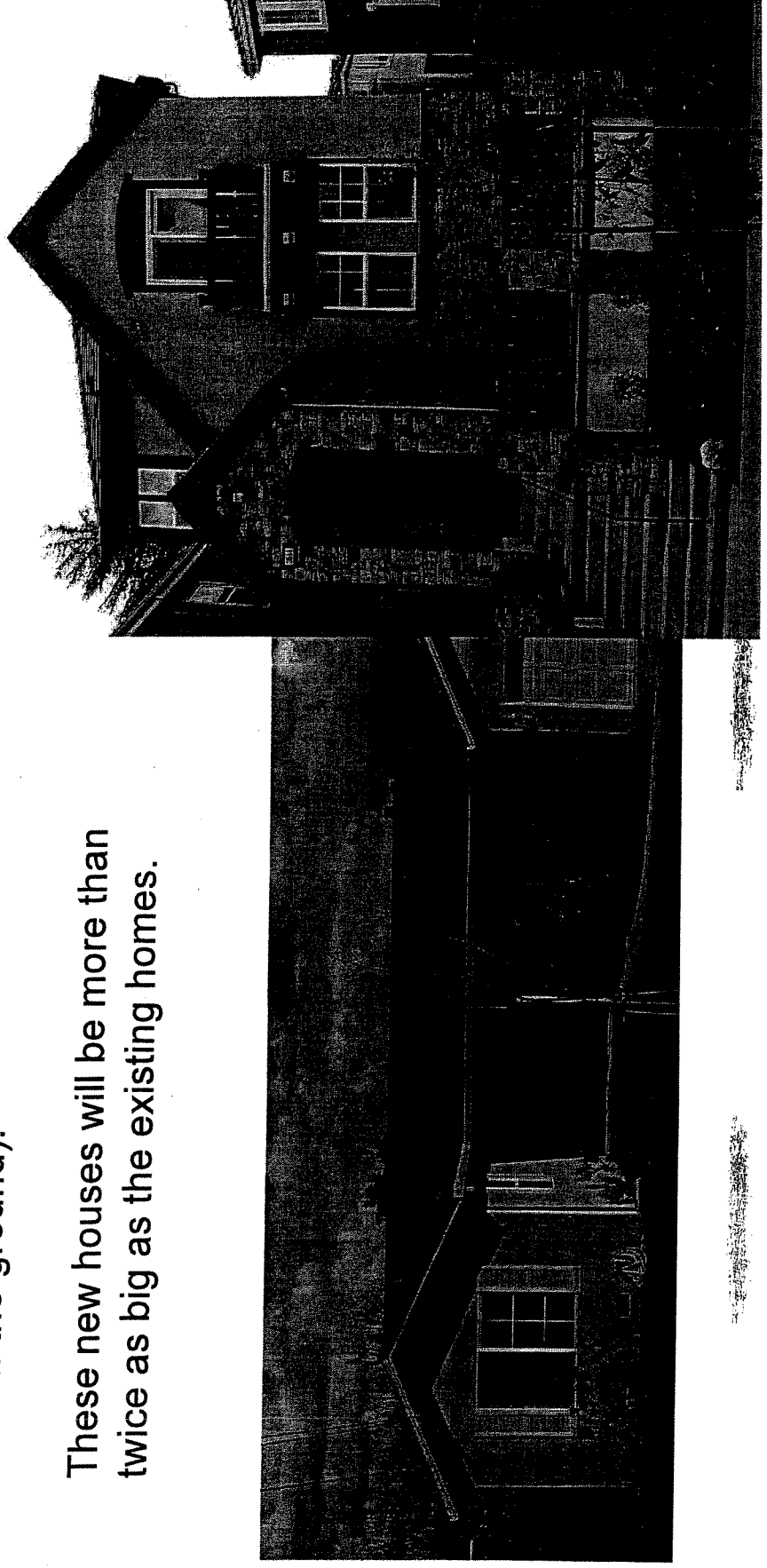
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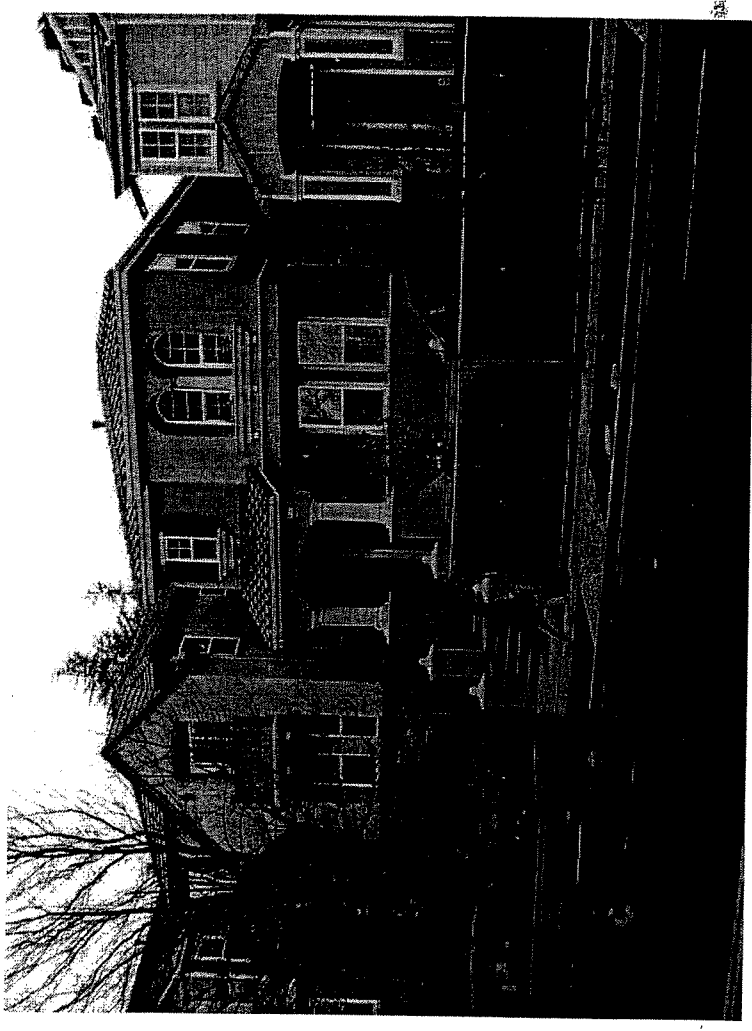
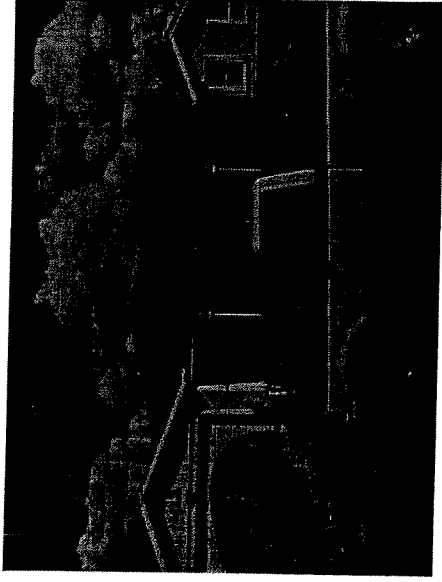
Compare Existing to Proposed

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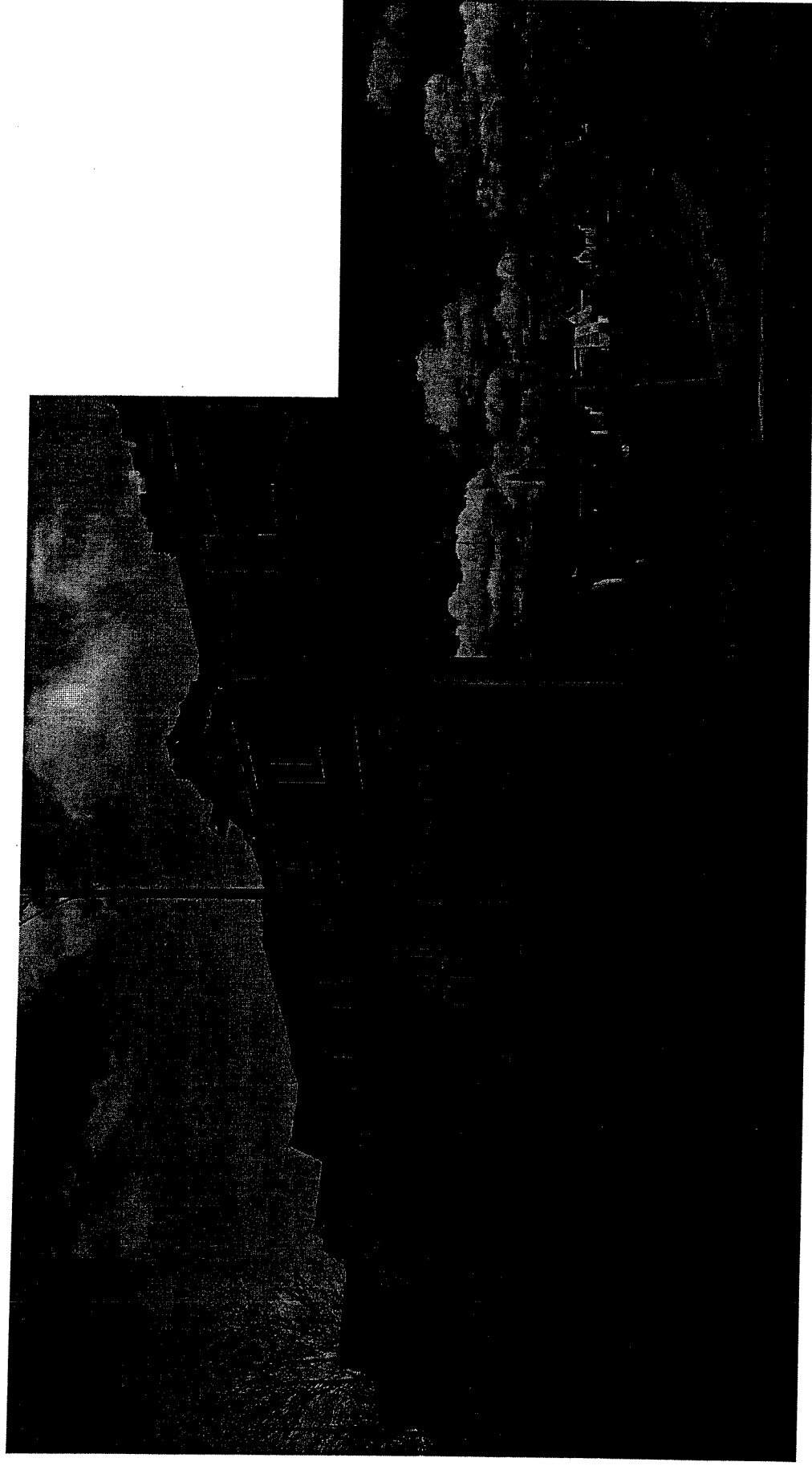
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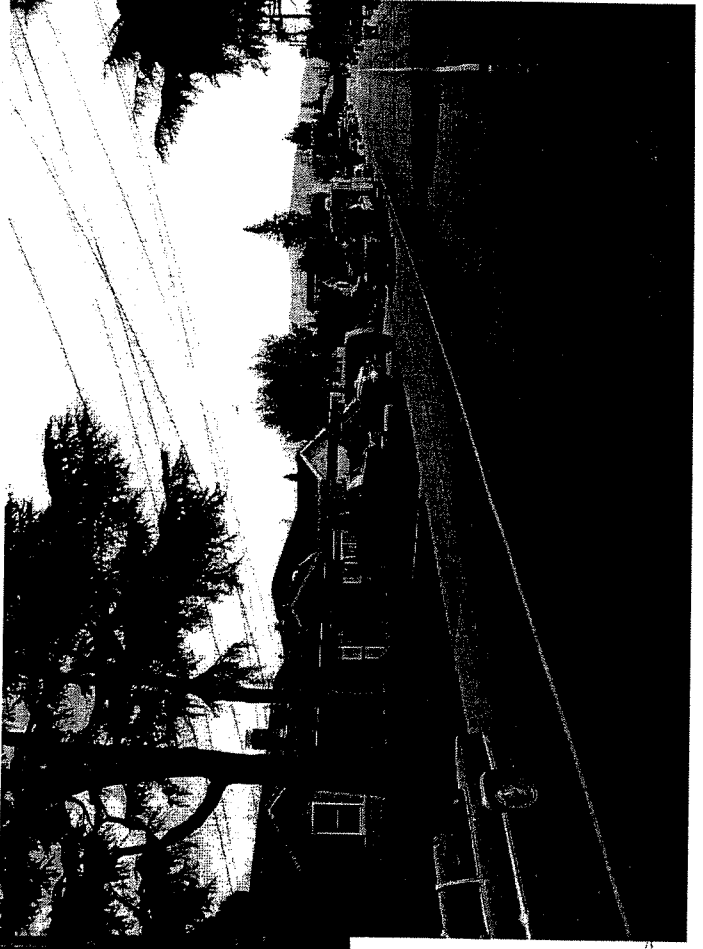
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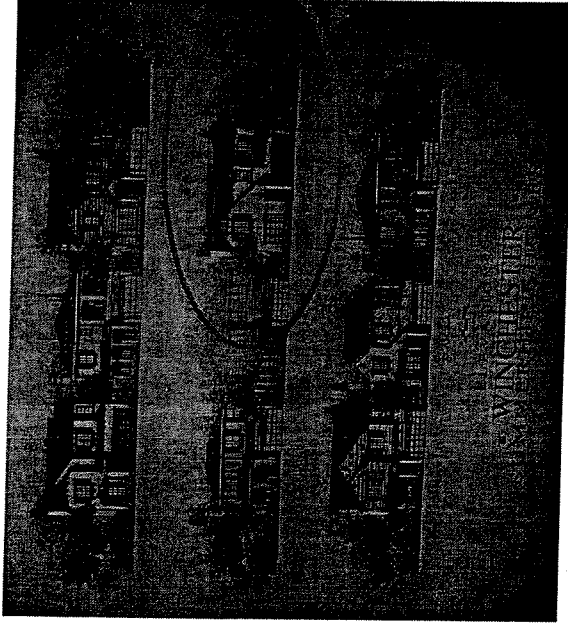
Look at the proposed density
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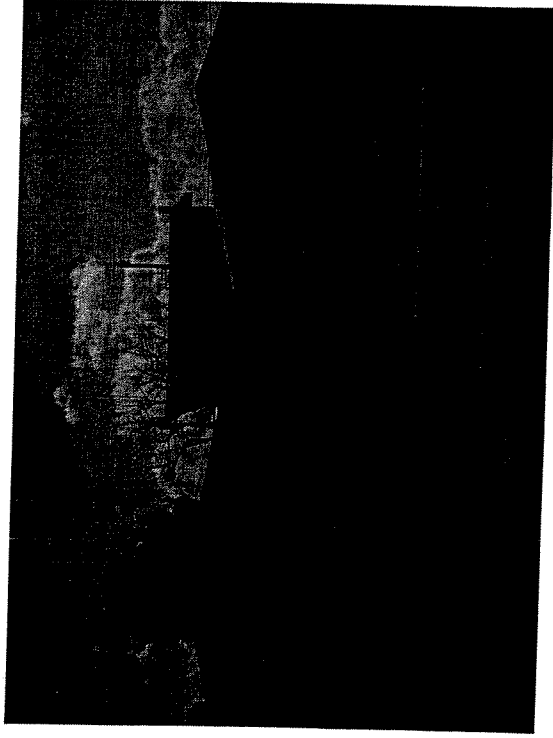
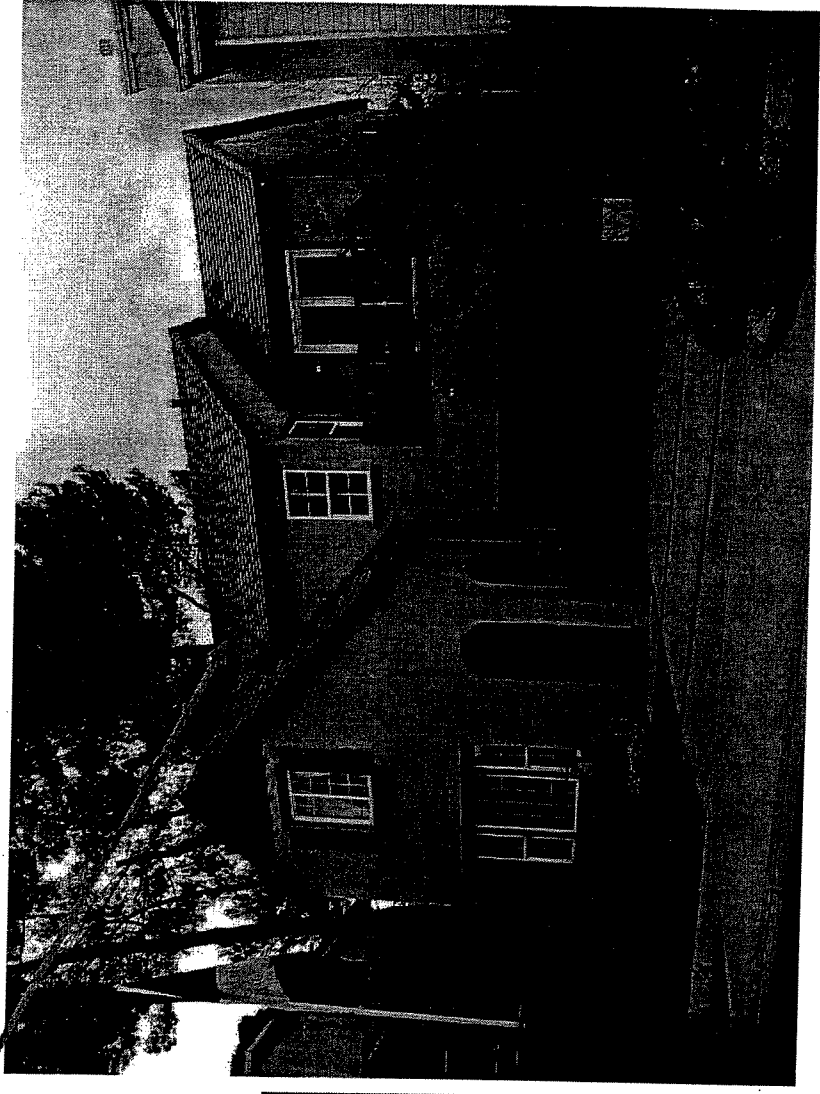
These just do not go together



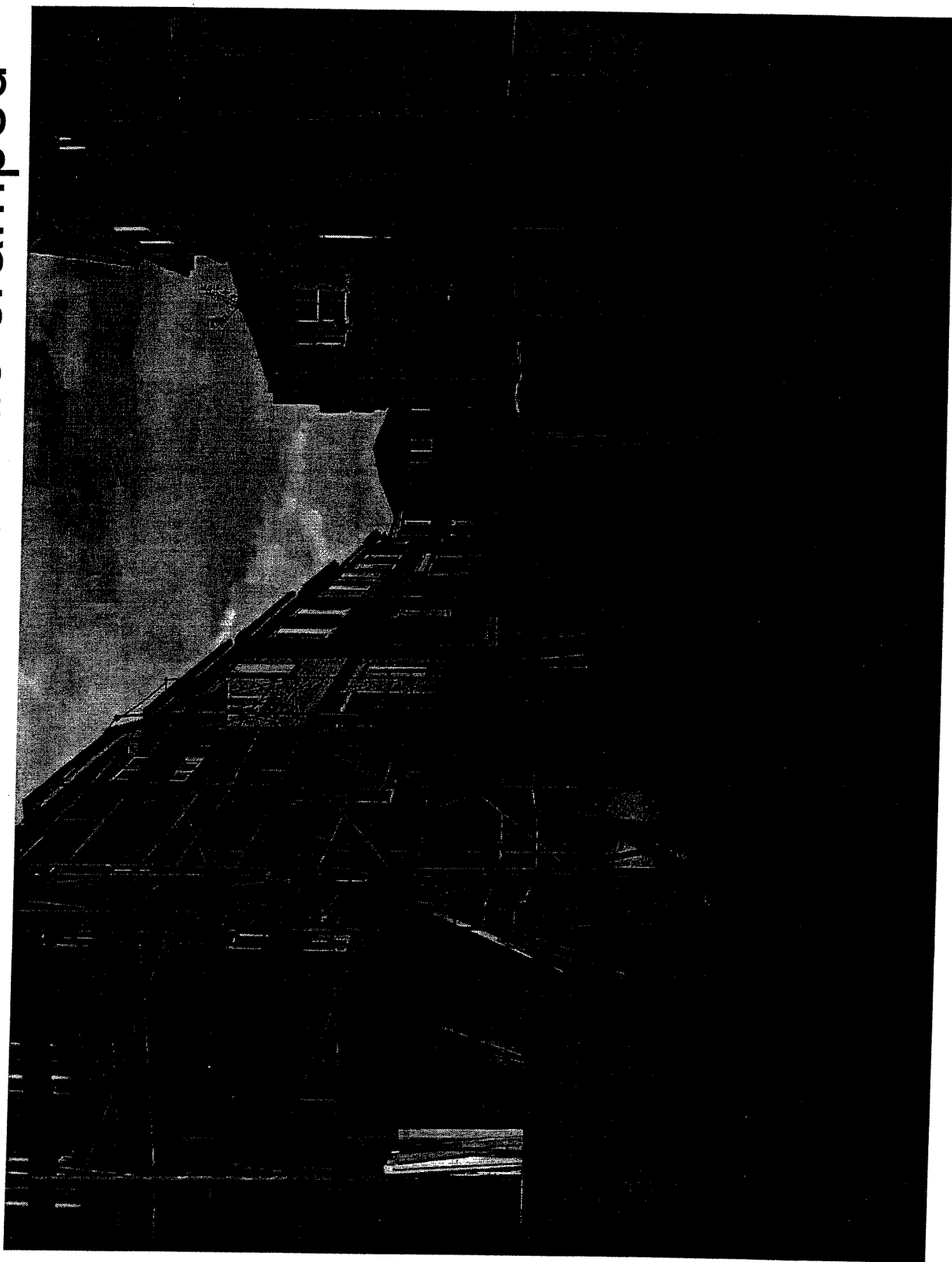
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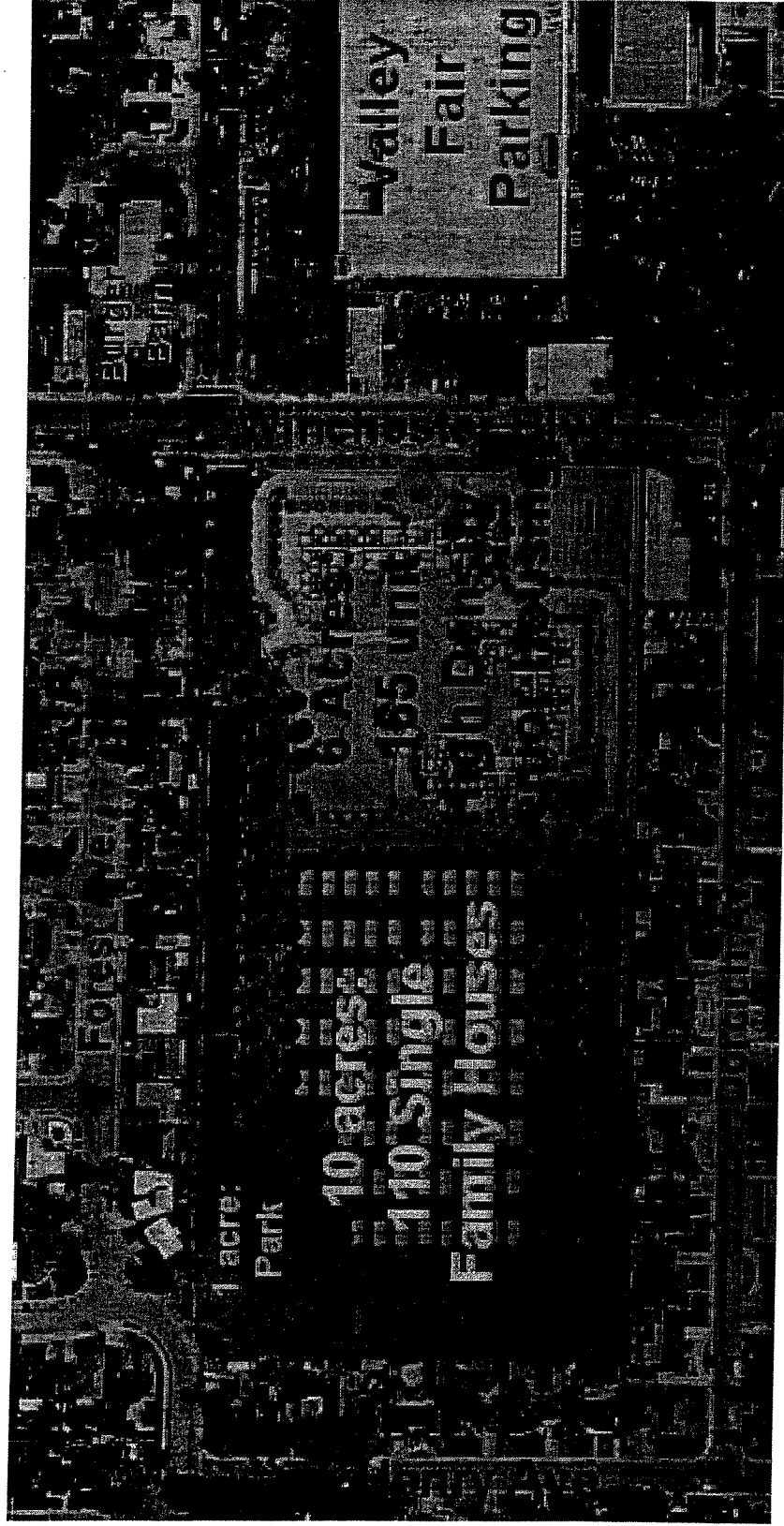
3 of the 4 homes that have more than one floor look like the house on the lower left (e.g., simple additions) usually above the garage. How does this qualify as a similar style to the houses being proposed?



SummerHill Homes... a little cramped



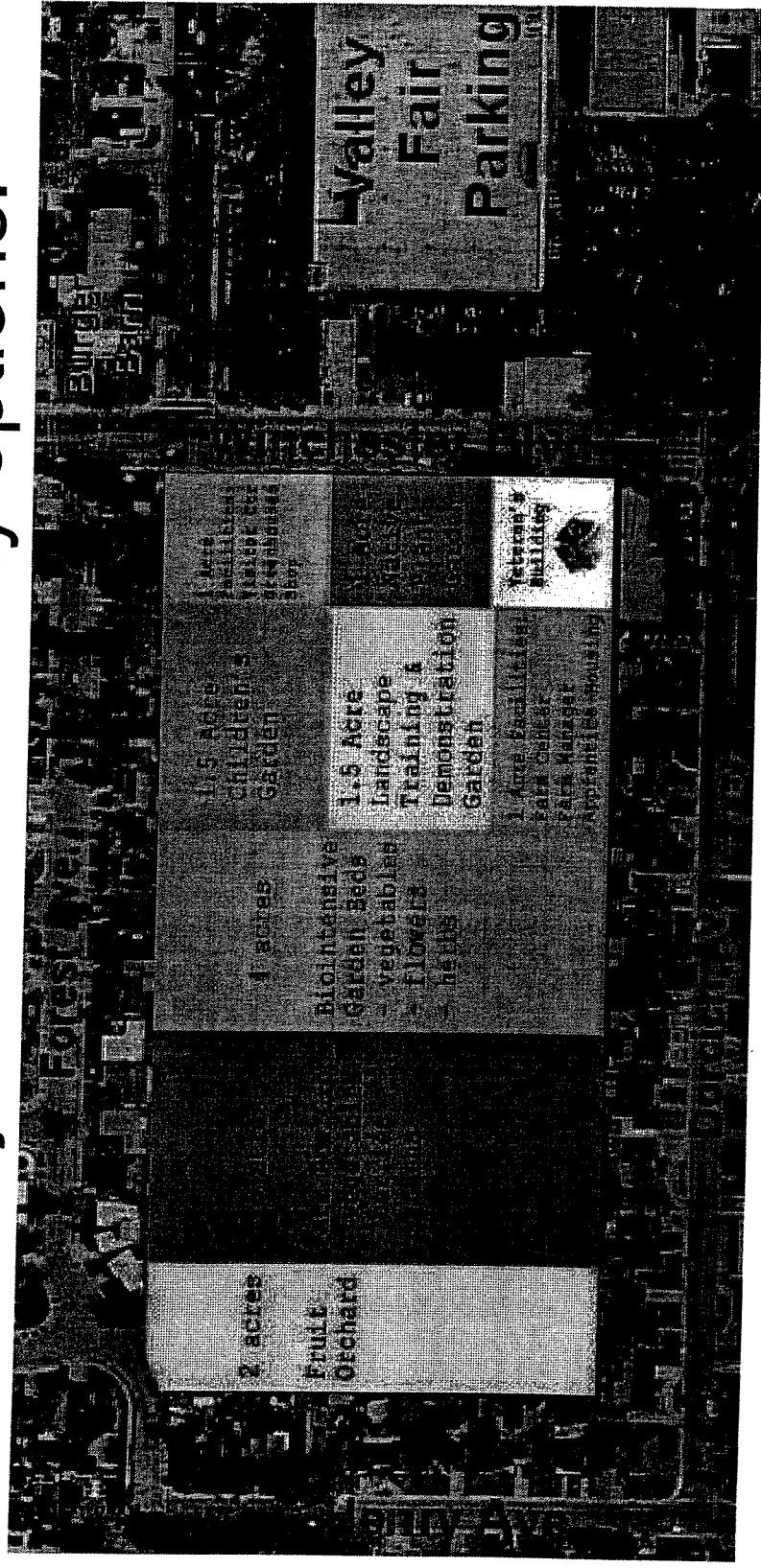
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